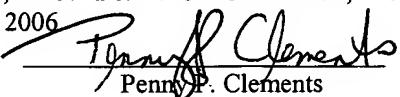




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the September 19, 2005 Office Action, Applicants submit the following Amendment:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.